

H. Res. 345

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

March 26, 1996.

Whereas the Paris Peace Accords of 1991 and the successful national elections of 1993 ended two decades of civil war and genocide in Cambodia, demonstrated the commitment of the Cambodian people to democracy and stability, and established a national constitution guaranteeing fundamental human rights;

Whereas since 1991 the international community has contributed more than \$3,000,000,000 to peacekeeping and national reconstruction in Cambodia and currently provides over 40 percent of the budget of the Cambodian Government;

Whereas recent events in Cambodia, including the arrest and exile of former Foreign Minister Prince Sirivudh, the expulsion of the former Finance Minister Sam Rainsy from the government coalition FUNCINPEC Party and the National Assembly, a grenade attack against the independent Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party of Cambodia, and mob attacks against pro-opposition newspapers, suggest that Cambodia is sliding back into a pattern of violence and repression;

Whereas rampant official corruption in the Cambodian Government has emerged as a major cause of public dissatisfaction, which in turn has resulted in the government

crackdown against these outspoken opposition politicians and the press;

Whereas heroin traffic in and through Cambodia has become so widespread that Cambodia has been added to the Department of State's list of major narcotics trafficking countries;

Whereas the desire to cite Cambodia as a success story for United Nations peacekeeping and international cooperation has stifled the expression of concern about deteriorating human rights conditions in Cambodia; and

Whereas conditions in Cambodia have deteriorated since the House of Representatives passed House Bill 1642 on July 11, 1995, which grants Cambodia unconditional most favored nation trading status: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) urges the Secretary of State to make
3 human rights concerns among the primary objectives
4 in bilateral relations with Cambodia;

5 (2) urges the Secretary of State to closely mon-
6 itor preparations for upcoming Cambodian elections
7 in 1997 and 1998 and attempt to secure the agree-
8 ment of the Cambodian Government to full and
9 unhindered participation of international observers
10 for these elections;

11 (3) urges the Secretary of State to support the
12 continuation of human rights monitoring in Cam-
13 bodia by the United Nations, including monitoring
14 through the office of the United Nations Center for

1 Human Rights in Phnom Penh and monitoring by
2 the Special Representative of the United Nations
3 Secretary General for Human Rights in Cambodia;

4 (4) urges the Secretary of State to encourage
5 Cambodia's other donors and trading partners to
6 raise human rights concerns with Cambodia;

7 (5) supports efforts by the United States to
8 provide assistance to Cambodia to broaden demo-
9 cratic civil society, to strengthen the rule of law and
10 to ensure that future elections in Cambodia are free
11 and fair; and

12 (6) urges that the United States raise human
13 rights concerns at the June 1996 meeting of the Do-
14 nor's Consultative Meeting for Cambodia and during
15 consideration of projects in Cambodia to be financed
16 by international financial institutions.

Attest:

Clerk.